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Note from the Consul General

Dear friends,

What a wonderful two months these have been! The visit to WA by Cowboy Poet Dick Warwick was one of the highlights of my career. Please see page 16 for the poem he wrote on the occasion of his visit to WA. Please take special notice of page 13. I hope to see a large contingent of current and former servicemen and women marching under the U.S. flag at this year's ANZAC Day Parade in Perth. Also, please see page 12 for the Battle of the Coral Sea events.

Warm regards, Robin

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PERTH PERSPECTIVES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL

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Cowboy Poet Promotes U.S. Culture



CG McClellan and Cowboy Poet Dick Warwick

Washington State cowboy poet Dick Warwick performed for a wide range of youth and regional audiences during a March 2—13 program, co-hosted by CG Perth and the Western Australian Bush Poets Association. The program successfully introduced a unique U.S. form of rhyming folk and contemporary poetry to several hundred Perth area high school and university students, as well as to thousands of others attending a special “bush poet muster,” a large country fair, and two performances at the Arts Festival of Melville.

Introducing Warwick to enthusiastic Australian audiences, Perth CG Robin McClellan highlighted how U.S. cowboy and Australian “bush” poets

share a rich poetic tradition and draw cultural sustenance from frontier experiences linking the two settler nations. The CG prefaced Warwick’s performance at the “Wagin Woolorama” with remarks underscoring how common culture underpinned excellent official bilateral relations.

In addition to his public performances, CG Perth leveraged Warwick’s presence by inviting him to present original and other works at a reception for visiting Charge d’Affaires Bill Stanton, a breakfast meeting of the Australian American Association, and a representational event for more than 70 CG contacts. Media outreach included two live radio interviews and generous coverage by several community and regional newspapers. Many Australians attending Warwick’s recitals commented on how cowboy poetry lifted their spirits and imaginatively introduced them to a uniquely American poetic genre.

Perth International Arts Festival Showcases American Visitors to Perth



Lynne Arriale, CG McClellan, Steve Davis and Thomson Kneeland of the Trio

Perth Welcomes The Lynne Arriale Trio

The Lynne Arriale Trio, led by internationally acclaimed pianist Lynne Arriale, has been captivating audiences and critics alike with its uniquely lyrical and stirring music for the past ten years. The Trio visited Perth in February as part of the Perth International Arts Festival and their visit was sponsored by the U.S.

Consulate General in Perth. Described as one of the most accomplished voices on the jazz scene today, Lynne



General Manager WA Opera Carolyn Chard and Executive Director WA Ballet Company Louise Howden-Smith

Arriale has won numerous awards, including the Great American Jazz Competition, performed alongside jazz greats, and featured in world renowned festivals. With her talented trio partners — drummer Steve Davis and bass player Thomson Kneeland — Ms Arriale delights both jazz and mainstream audiences with compelling originals, reinvented pop classics and evocative performances. On February 11, the Consul General hosted a reception at the Consul General's Residence in the Trio's honor and over eighty guests from the arts and cultural community in WA attended. More than 275 fans attended the performance on February 12, during which Ms Arriale publicly thanked the U.S. Mission for its support. The cast and crew of *Supervision*, another American production featured in the Festival, were also honored guests at the reception.

New York Times Managing Editor Jill Abramson and New York Times Columnist and Author Maureen Dowd



Left to Right: Melissa Kent, Jaki Arthur, Philippa O'Donnell, Karen Brown, CG McClellan, Jill Abramson, Lisa Marino, Susan Maushart, Maureen Dowd and Caroline Baum

New York Times Managing Editor Jill Abramson and New York Times Columnist and Author Maureen Dowd attended a luncheon in their honor hosted by CG McClellan at the Residence on Sunday, February 26. Their visit to Perth was part of the Festival's Perth Writers' Week, and also in relation to Maureen Dowd's Australian publicity tour for her book, *"Are Men Necessary?"*

Other prominent media guests at the luncheon included WA Editor at *The Australian* Karen Brown, Author and Columnist at *The Australian* Susan Maushart, Journalist at *The West Australian* Melissa Kent, Program Director at ABC Philippa O'Donnell and Journalist Caroline Baum.



Charge d'Affaires Bill Stanton

Orleans to help those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Earlier that day, the Charge d'Affaires candidly spoke to a group of 25 students from the University of Western Australia studying *Strategy, Diplomacy and International Conflicts*. Speaking from the heart, Mr. Stanton shared with the students that alumni from his university class had passed away in the 9/11 tragedy. He outlined that Al-Qaeda's attack demonstrates it is the antithesis of the civilized world — by destroying buildings that architect Minoru Yamasaki envisaged as symbolizing the symbiotic relationship of world trade and world peace. Mr. Stanton then gave an overview of the changed landscape of New York, new counterterrorism mechanisms, and the increased security relationship between Australia and the U.S. He finished his comments by saying that

Charge d'Affaires Mr. Bill Stanton

Charge d'Affaires Mr. Bill Stanton spoke to students, met with senior academics, and mingled with key Consulate General contacts during his March visit to Perth. The Charge was the guest of honor at a March 2 reception hosted by CG McClellan for approximately 100 business professionals, government officials, and senior representatives from academia and the arts, as well as Consulate staff. Visiting Artist U.S. Cowboy Poet Dick Warwick commenced his Perth recital engagements at the event within hours of getting off the plane. The *Real Sing Choir* also performed under the direction of international choral director Martin Meader. Mr. Meader is now conducting in New



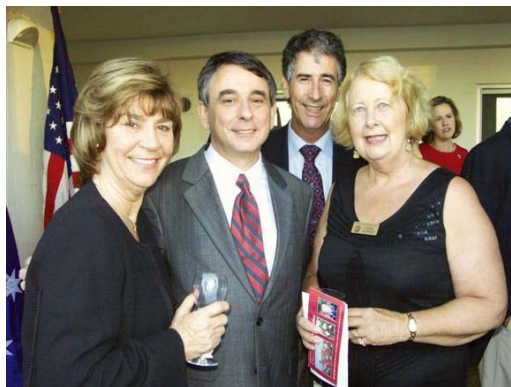
Martin Meader and the Real Sing Choir



Charge d'affaires Mr. Bill Stanton with University of Western Australia students.

“terrorists may destroy a city, but they will never create a city; cities are centers for life and culture; they are monuments to the vitality and knowledge of the people of the city. The spirit of a city can never be broken.”

It was wonderful having the Charge visit us in Perth.



The Charge with AAA's Norma Kay, Richard Adams, and Susie Glasfurd

Visiting Speaker Dr. Ellen Frost — March 13 & 14

During her day and a half visit to Perth, Visiting Speaker Dr. Frost participated in three speaking events, one luncheon and one dinner. Dr. Frost is a Visiting Fellow at the Institute for International Economics and an Adjunct Research Fellow at the National Defense University's Institute of National Strategic Studies in Washington DC. Her current work centers on Asian integration and the rise of China.

In the first event on March 13, Dr. Frost participated on a tripartite speaker panel with Dr. Stuart Harris from the Australian National University and Dr. Samuel Makinda from Murdoch University in a seminar on *"China's Rise: Force for Regional Stability or Regional Friction."* The event was hosted by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and co-sponsored by the Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, The West Australian and ConGen Perth. The fully pre-booked event attracted a maximum-capacity crowd of 100 students and teaching staff from Murdoch University, international chambers of commerce, diplomats and government officials. Following the seminar, Dr. Frost attended a private luncheon hosted by the Asia Research Centre. In the evening, the Consul General hosted a dinner at her residence with key resource executives based in Perth.

Dr. Frost began her second day, March 14, with an early morning lecture to 100 Murdoch College high school students. She finished the Perth leg of her Australian visit with a lecture to 80 university social sciences students at the University of Notre Dame Australia on *"How China's Peaceful Rise is Altering Trade and Investment Patterns in East Asia Pacific."*



Dr. Ellen Frost

Visiting Artist Maestro Joseph Colaneri March 28 to April 7



The West Australian Opera Chorus in
Madam Butterfly

New York Maestro Joseph Colaneri conducted six sell-out performances of *Madam Butterfly* for 7,200 people during a March 28 — April 7 visit co-hosted by ConGen Perth and the West Australian Opera. Introducing Maestro Colaneri to the WA audience on opening night, CG McClellan praised Colaneri's outstanding achievements as a conductor of opera. She underscored how Colaneri's visit to Perth provided a fabulous opportunity for WA artists and students to work with an international artist of such high esteem. The West Australian Symphony Orchestra (WASO) and The West Australian Opera Chorus shared in this rich exchange and were provided with the opportunity of having one of America's leading conductors — a Maestro who works extensively at the Metropolitan Opera in New York — conduct their performances. In addition to his public appearances, Colaneri also held a Master class for a group of Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) and

WA Opera Chorus students. The class provided an opportunity for the students to spend one-on-one time with Colaneri to combine their chorus experience with class credit. The class also provided the students with an invaluable chance to comprehend the standard required when they audition for an international opera company's *Young Artist Program*. Colaneri also attended the Opera Studio Training Academy's opening performance of *"Rodelinda."* He was also the guest of honor at a dinner hosted by WA Opera.

Consul General Inspires Future Leaders



Head of Senior School Meg Melville, CG McClellan and Principal Graham Rixon

The Consul General was a key speaker at a workshop on January 24 for the Penrhos Year 12 Student Council designed to promote teamwork and an understanding of leadership. The following week, she also delivered the keynote speech at the Induction Ceremony during the senior school assembly. The latter was an opportunity to address an audience of approximately 350 young people, many of whom will go on to be among WA's and Australia's next generation of leaders. The Consul General received an extremely enthusiastic welcome by the girls who were responsive throughout her speech. One parent commented that the Consul General's own life — coming from a tiny rural town

in the U.S. to success as a diplomat — was a model that would inspire young women to go on to similar success in their lives.



Penrhos College Year 12 Student Council and CG McClellan

Women in I.T. (WIT) WA

On February 8, Women in I.T. WA, a not-for-profit group that seeks to promote, encourage and support women in the I.T. industry, hosted an evening featuring CG McClellan as the guest speaker.

The audience was comprised of over thirty women who hold specialist I.T. positions in both government and private agencies in Western Australia.



CG McClellan with women who specialize in Information Technology

The event provided an opportunity for the CG to present U.S. policies and developments to these leading women. The evening also provided an excellent forum for the CG to address the reciprocal benefits of the Australia/U.S. Free Trade Agreement and to promote trade and interaction with U.S. markets, particularly with WA's burgeoning IT industry.



CG McClellan and Loula Papan-dreou

Boyup Brook Country Music Festival Opening



CG McClellan with *The Sunny Cowgirls* at the Boyup Brook Country Music Festival Opening

The Consul General was honored to be asked to participate in the opening event of the Boyup Brook Country Music Festival on February 18. Community and political leaders from throughout south-central Western Australia, city council officials, and elected members of Parliament from the rural districts and their staffers, were part of an audience of over 6,000.

The invitation gave the CG an opportunity to reach a large audience beyond the Perth metropolitan area. She spoke briefly about the many historical and cultural similarities between the United States and Australia and discussed the importance of the U.S./Australia Alliance to both countries' security, based on mutual interests. She encouraged those present to travel to the United States to enjoy the American country music tradition.

Several attendees at the festival approached the CG during the evening to thank her for showing an interest in rural Western Australia and to comment on their own close ties with the United States.

From the Frontline: Women in Media

ConGen Perth sponsored a March 9 digital video conference (DVC) on women in media. The DVC intensified the Consulate's outreach and provided an opportunity for healthy discussion on international and local issues facing women in the media.

The event was co-hosted by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. The DVC featured two eminent U.S. female journalists, Ms Marcy McGinnis, Former Vice President at CBS and Barbara Cochran, President RTNDA and RTNDF.



Anna Bateman, Executive Producer, ABC TV WA

Anna Bateman, Executive Producer, ABC TV Production in WA, then presented the WA perspective and shared her insights into influencing and shaping public opinion.



Left to right: Anna Bateman, Executive Producer, ABC TV WA; Alison Wright, A/Learning Consultant, ABC WA; CG McClellan; Deborah Leavitt, ABC Local Radio Manager; Noreen Byrne, State Manager Human Resources, ABC WA

Consul General Visits Hale School



CG McClellan with Hale School students

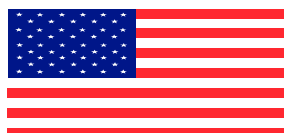
School administrators and over 200 Year 12 students at prestigious Hale School formed the March 13 audience for CG McClellan's remarks on, *"Thinking about America — Why the Alliance is Important."*

The CG presented a view of the United States that is more nuanced than that the students might gain from television and popular culture, encouraged the students to be sophisticated consumers of information, and put a human face on the broad image they may have of the United

States.

The event provided the CG with the opportunity to explain the history and importance of Australia's relationship with the U.S. The spirited question and answer session also gave the students an opportunity to express their own opinions and to receive feedback from the CG. Following the speech, a small group of students accompanied the CG to her car, not wanting to give up the chance to ask further questions.

Highgate RSL Luncheon



Retired members of the Australian military, including senior business leaders and government officials, and the President and Senior Officer of the North American Veterans' Unit were guests at a March 20 Highgate Returned & Services League Luncheon where CG McClellan delivered remarks on the U.S./Australian relationship.



President Highgate RSL Norm Manners

The RSL is a staunch supporter of the U.S./Australian relationship and the luncheon provided the CG with the opportunity to praise Australia for its continued support in Iraq and Afghanistan. She also explained the role of the Consulate General in Western Australia, discussed the role of veterans' groups in the United States, and highlighted the advances in civil society and other areas that are being made in Iraq.

A number of RSL members approached the CG after the event to relate their own experiences serving alongside U.S. service members.

Over 100 guests attended the event.

Isolated Children's Parents' Association of WA's State Conference



Janie Gilmour (Left), CG McClellan, and ICPA President Jeanette De Landgraff.

CG McClellan spoke on "*The U.S. and Australia — Similar in So Many Ways*," March 16, to over one hundred individuals associated with isolated children's education.

When speaking about her childhood experiences, CG McClellan emphasized the importance of travel and a broader understanding of other countries, especially towards the United States. She highlighted the benefits of student exchanges, working opportunities such as Camp Counselors USA, and academic scholarships as potential enriching experiences for students.

Further, building on IPCA's lobby function, CG McClellan emphasized the importance of individual philanthropy in the U.S. for supporting scholarships for students from rural areas.

U.S. University Fair in Perth

Representatives from the institutions listed below will be in Perth to meet with interested students on Thursday evening 15 June, 2006. The venue and time is yet to be decided. Please contact U.S. Educational Adviser Lee Healy regarding the time and place at: leehealy@bigpond.net.au. This is a chance for students and parents or anyone interested to find out about university education in America, as well as the application process. All schools are accredited and represent a mixture of specialist, public and private institutions.

Savannah College of Art & Design, Georgia

Elon University, North Carolina

Lynn University, Florida

State University of New York, (SUNY) Plattsburg, NY

The University of Miami, Florida

The University of Tulsa, Oklahoma

Swiss Hotel School, Switzerland

Pepperdine University, California

Ohio Wesleyan University, Ohio



Joint Rotary Clubs' Meeting



CG McClellan with Rotary Club Presidents from left Bill Young, Trevor Wilson, Geoff Ross, Murray Bursill and Barry Adamson.

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CG McClellan spoke to the audience of over 140 guests on Iraq and advances made in the last three years towards reconstruction and democracy.

In her remarks she quoted Tim Hames, a columnist for *The Australian*, who recently rebutted a viewpoint in a broadcast e-mail he had received on the occasion of the third anniversary of coalition operations in Iraq. In his rebuttal, Hames writes, the e-mail message protested strongly against "lies about weapons of mass destruction," an "illegal war," "Abu Ghraib," and the "expropriation of Iraqi resources." "All the words so often employed about Iraq were there," he writes, except of course, "Saddam," and "Hussein." Iraq was condemned as an "occupation" that has "brought nothing to the Iraqi people except ever increasing death and destruction." "I suppose it depends on how you define "nothing," he continues. "If two elections, one constitutional referendum, a free press, an independent judiciary, greater religious liberty, the lifting of economic sanctions, reintegration into the region and the wider international community count for "nothing," then nothing is a reasonable assessment."

This event provided the opportunity for the CG to present U.S. policies and developments in Iraq to a well-connected audience from a wide spectrum of the Perth community.

Foreign Service Exam



The Foreign Service exam is open to any American citizen under the age of 55 years. For information on joining the Foreign service, the Foreign Service exam, or when the next exam will take place, please visit:

<http://www.careers.state.gov/officer/>

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<http://perth.usconsulate.gov>

ANOUTCHKA'S TRIVIA QUESTION

Anoutchka Payet, Receptionist for the American Consulate

Q. Beginning in the Rocky Mountains of northwest Wyoming, this beautiful river flows through a park bearing the same name as the river, then northeast through Montana ending near the North Dakota border. It is 671 miles, 1,080 km in length. What is the name of this river?

LAST TRIVIA QUESTION:

Q. What is the name of the famous bus company which was founded in 1914 in Minnesota and was then called the Mesaba Transportation Company?

A. Greyhound Lines Inc.

CONSULAR SECTION HARD AT WORK

DURING THE MONTHS FEBRUARY AND MARCH,
THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE US
CONSULATE HANDLED THE FOLLOWING:

VISAS: 215; 361

PASSPORTS: 83; 92

BIRTHS: 8,15

Consul General's Regional Visit to Katanning



CG McClellan with Katanning Primary School students

The Consul General's visit to Katanning on March 24 and 25 provided her with a chance to reach out to regional Western Australians. During her visit she spoke at the Katanning Primary School and Senior High School, and at the Katanning & Kojonup Rotary Clubs International Night.

Katanning is a multi-ethnic town of 4,000 about a four-hour drive south of Perth. On March 24 at Katanning Primary school, the Consul General spoke to 75 students from Years 5 & 6 and teachers and administrators. Many of the students were native Malay speakers, some speak Nyoongar (an Aboriginal language) at home, and a few students from Afghanistan and China, speak very little English

yet. The students engaged in the Q & A session with enthusiasm, asking about both current events along with nuts and bolts questions about life in America. The Consul General's daughter, who accompanied her to the school, answered questions as well, and was a major hit with the elementary students.

At Katanning Senior High School, the Consul General spoke to a group of Year 10 — 12 history and government students, as well as teachers and administrators about the U.S./Australia Alliance and her life as a diplomat.



CG McClellan's visit to a
Katanning art exhibition



CG McClellan and Aboriginal Elder and Author of the children's book, "*Corroboree*," Angus Wallam

The Katanning & Kojonup Rotary Clubs International Night held on March 25 was a major event with 120 members, friends and family members in attendance. The Consul General was the keynote speaker, and the event also featured a charity auction and introduction of visiting Rotary students from Holland. The Shire President of Katanning, leaders of several farm organizations, and other community leaders were present. Mrs. McClellan discussed the close relationship between Australia and America, agricultural issues, including U.S. farm support programs, and she reflected on

positive developments in Iraq and Afghanistan.



CG McClellan with Katanning & Kojonup
Rotary Club members



Commander's Corner



Dear Friends,

Serving as the US Navy's Representative to Western Australia for the last eighteen months, I have received numerous calls on how to get information about the US Military Services and Military Service Members. The websites listed below are ones I research to answer the questions I receive. These websites are only sources of information and the unofficial websites are not necessarily the views of the US Military.

Official Homepages of military services contain official information provided by the Services Chief of Information. Here you can find almost anything regarding the specific service, and hopefully find answers to your questions.

www.navy.mil; www.army.mil; www.usmc.mil; www.af.mil; www.uscg.mil.

Service Times periodicals are not official publications produced by the Military Services. These periodicals are private media publications that provide public information focused on an individual Military Service. There is free information and articles on the sites but you must be a subscriber to view all articles. While not official military information, the publications provide good coverage for current issues affecting the military and military retirees.

www.navytimes.com; www.armytimes.com; www.marinecorpstimes.com; www.airforcetimes.com.

The U.S. Defense Attaché Office, Canberra website contains links for Retirees in Australia, Requesting Foreign Awards and Lost Medals, Locating Service Members, and Identification Cards.

<http://canberra.usembassy.gov/dao/index.html>

LCDR Francois

U.S./Australia Affinity Groups

Interested in meeting other Americans? Are you an Australian or resident with special ties to the United States? Just want to meet some fun people? One of these groups should fit you to a "T".

The American Women's Club (open to women of all nationalities) - AWC President Virginia Limberg - 9474 2219 or www.AWCPerth.org

American Chamber of Commerce WA - AmCham WA General Manager Penelope Williamson - 9325 9540

The Australian American Association - Membership Coordinator Richard Adams - 9284 6288

The North American Veterans' Unit — President Joan Gravelle — 0421 420 498

Battle of the Coral Sea

For full details on the May Battle of the Coral Sea events in Perth, please contact Susie Glasfurd at the Australian American Association (AAA).

secretary.aaawa@westnet.com.au

Wreath Laying Ceremony at Fremantle War Memorial, Friday, 6 May at 10:30

Formal Gala Coral Sea Commemoration Dinner Dance, Saturday, 7 May at 19:00

Ceremony at State War Memorial Kings Park, Monday 9 May at 11:00



Calling All North American Veterans

Uncle Sam Needs YOU!

Dear friends,

As the American Consul General here in Western Australia, one of the most moving experiences I have had is participating in the ANZAC Day ceremonies. I have the good fortune to represent all Americans at the dawn wreath-laying service in King's Park, and to view the stirring ANZAC Day parade from the viewing stand with the Governor.

The RSL has invited all current and former members (men and women!) of the U.S. military to represent our country in the ANZAC Day Parade on April 25. You don't need to fit into that uniform you might not have worn for a few years, you don't need to be able to run the marathon -- the only thing you need is the desire to be part of a meaningful event. I look forward to standing with Governor Michael and saluting as many of you as possible as you proudly walk down St. Georges Terrace, representing our country in the largest ANZAC Day Parade in Australia -- one of the United States' most important allies.

I urge any service members, whether you served one week or an entire career in the defense of our country, to join with the members of the North American Veterans' Unit on this important occasion. If you know other Americans who have served our country in this way, please help me by making sure they know about this request and opportunity. Capt. (ret.) Mike Donnelly's message below provides more details. I look forward to waving at you with pride on April 25!

Warm regards, Robin

State ANZAC Day Parade - Tuesday - 25 April



NAVU President

Joan Gravelle

Have you **ever** been on **active duty** in the military? **If you were**, for whatever length of time, **you are a veteran** of the armed services in the eyes of the RSL of Australia, **and are invited** as such, **to march** as an honored member in the **annual State ANZAC Day Parade** in Perth starting about 0930, 25 April.

As a veteran, you are invited to **join the members of the North American Veterans' Unit** to **march down the main street of Perth**, behind the flags of the United States of America and Canada, and receive the applause and admiration of literally tens of thousands of grateful members of the public. And, perhaps more importantly, you are **representing generations of proud members of the Armed Forces of America and Canada**, and are in fact receiving recognition for them.

Marchers can wear whatever they want. Medals and ribbons are authorised and encouraged for the march, with most members placing these on a suit

or sportcoat - but anything is fine.....what is important is that you can be there. We are looking into options for those service members who might want to march only part of the route, so please don't be put off by concerns about the distance. We **meet on St Georges Terrace**, opposite London Court, about 15 minutes before start time to socialise and catch up on the events of the past year (**look for *Old Glory***). The location will be **confirmed** in the West Australian **on 24 April** - we are group no. 105.

Then it's off, **marching** to the sounds of the bagpipes and bands, through the streets lined with an appreciative audience, past the reviewing stand, and the ABC TV coverage, and **down to the Esplanade**. You can **finish there, or stay** to hear the speeches and music. We **then adjourn to a designated restaurant** for some lunch and more socialising. As Senior Officer of the North American Veterans' Unit, and on behalf of our President - Mrs Joan Gravelle, I **hope you** will make this the year to **join your fellow veterans for an inspiring, delightful, and rewarding day**.

For more information please call **Joan Gravelle** on 0421 420 498, **Mike Donnelly** on 9300 5430 or 0432 802 296, or **Michael Munjak** on 9322 7818 or 0405 236 266. See you there! Mike Donnelly, Captain, US Navy (ret)



NAVU Senior Officer

Mike Donnelly,

Captain, US Navy (ret)

WA Farmers' Federation Conference

On March 30, the Consul General provided an update on the Australia-U.S. Free Trade Agreement and alternative fuels in the U.S. at the WA Farmers' Federation Annual Convention Business Breakfast. The audience was comprised of 80 agricultural officials and practitioners. The audience reacted very positively to the CG's speech and her ability to identify with, and relate experiences from, the U.S. rural sector. The local agricultural newspaper *Countryman* covered the event.

Trevor De Landgraft, CG McClellan and Tony Critch



February and March — Consulate General staff also delivered remarks or otherwise participated in the following events:

Feb. 3 — Consul General calls on Albany Mayor Alison Goode and pays a visit to the Albany Prison.

Feb. 6 — Freehills' superbowl celebrations at the Melbourne Hotel; Hough in East Perth; and the WA Club.

Feb. 6 — Sri Lanka National Day Reception at the Parmelia Hilton Hotel.

Feb. 7 — Viewing of Pupunya Exhibition at the Holmes a Court Gallery.

Feb. 13 — Australasian Corporate Cup Final Round at The Vines Resort.

Feb. 14 — Alcoa PIAF Super Vision Performance at His Majesty's Theatre.

Feb. 15 — Opening Night of Ballet at the Quarry, Quarry Amphitheatre, City Beach.

Feb. 16 — Katherine Kalaf Gallery Collection Opening in Cottesloe.

Feb. 17 — Shell Development Commercial Cocktail Party at Fraser's in West Perth.

Feb. 20 — City of Perth Civic Reception iho Governor Ken Michael.

Feb. 21 — CG delivered speech to University of Notre Dame Study Abroad students.

Feb. 22—24 — Visit to Perth by Desk Officer Bill McCulla

Feb. 27 — U.S. Consulate General First Aid staff training.

Feb. 27 — City of Perth Civic Reception iho French Ambassador at Council House.

Mar. 8 — International Women's Day "Code Pink" Delegation and speech at International Women's Day Night & Candle Lighting Ceremony at the Burswood.

Mar. 9 — DFAT Australia on the Map 1606-2006 & Book Launch at the Old Swan Brewery.

Mar. 11 — Friends of WA Ballet Gala at Fraser's Restaurant in Kings Park.

Mar. 11 — U.S. Consulate staff barbecue.



Desk Officer Bill McCulla, second from left, at the PIAF Korrah Coolingah (Aboriginal paintings) launch in Katanning.

February and March — Consulate General staff also delivered remarks or otherwise participated in the following events (continued):

- Mar. 14 — 17** Public Diplomacy Assistant participated in Secretary of State Dr. Condoleezza Rice's visit to Melbourne.
- Mar. 15 — 16** Consul and ACS Assistant attended Consular Conference in Sydney.
- Mar. 17** — PriceWaterhouseCoopers Business Women's Lunch in Perth.
- Mar. 17** — Three Consulate staff participated in Mission Australia Conference in Canberra.
- Mar. 20 to 24** — Three Consulate staff participated in Supervisory training in Canberra.
- Mar. 21** — UNAA International Day Breakfast at Wesley Auditorium.
- Mar. 22** — CG delivered a speech at the Meetings Events Association Summer School at the Perth Convention Centre.
- Mar. 23** — Freehills' Women in Business Lunch.
- Mar. 27** — Dinner with Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan — Zorica McCarthy hosted by Associate Professor Samina Yasmeen.
- Mar. 31** — Porgy & Bess VIP Launch at the Parmelia Hilton Hotel.



Press Coverage of the Consulate General During February & March

- Mar. 8** — U.S. Cowboy Poet Dick Warwick was interviewed by ABC Presenters Liam Bartlett and Ted Bull for their morning and afternoon programs respectively.
- Mar. 11** — Article on the visit by CG McClellan and Cowboy Poet Dick Warwick to the “Wagin Woolorama” in the *Wagin Argus*.
- Mar. 15** — Article in *The West Australian* by P.T. Singam on trilateral talks between Australia, the United States and Japan quoting Dr. Ellen Frost.
- Mar. 16** — Article on CG McClellan speaking at the WAFarmers Annual Conference in *WA Business News*.
- Mar. 19** — Photo in the Socials section of *The Sunday Times* for the Momentum Women's Forum lunch, celebrating International Women's Day.
- Mar. 23** — Article on CG McClellan's speech to the Isolated Children's Parents' Association on the similarities of US and Australian country isolation in *Farm Weekly*.
- Mar. 23** — Piece on “appropriate schooling for WA regional children” from the Isolated Children's Parents' Association in the *Farm Weekly*.
- Mar. 23** — Photo on CG McClellan's visit to the “Wagin Woolorama” in the *Wagin Argus*.
- Mar. 24** — Radio interview on *Radio West* regarding the Consul General's visit to Katanning.

Neighbors, Mates

To my friends, and dedicated to Robin McClellan

Australians and Americans share some common traits –
In language and in outlook we are natural mates,
Our lands are blessed with beauty all the way from coast to coast
And belief in human dignity and freedom matter most.
Though we are separated by the world's vastest sea
Neighbors – in the fullest meaning of the word – are we.

Each nation's native culture, unique upon the planet,
Survived despite attempts to obliterate and ban it.
We both were settled by the weak, beleaguered and oppressed,
And fashioned sibling nations where strengths have stood the test.

Our enduring friendship does not depend on pacts,
Alliances, agreements or legislative Acts,
Our relationship is based on just one simple key –
Ordinary citizens like each of you – and me.

Even though my heart and home is halfway 'round the earth
I've come here to meet you in and around Perth
Because I love your culture, your character, your land,
With differences between us that help me to understand,
To broaden my perspective, perhaps shift my point of view –
This chance to meet and talk and sing and joke with you.

Now I am just another one of many tourist "Yanks" –
But, for all of us – to all of you – I'll say a heartfelt "THANKS".

— Dick Warwick

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